



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Brooks House – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair
Jason Poitras
Colleen Shapiro
Donna White – absent
Gregory Berthiaume

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Jennifer Markham

Guests

Tim Norris, Esquire

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.
 - * Executive Session – Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to enter into executive session, to return to regular session, for the purpose of discussing strategies related to contract negotiations.
Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call
Dr. Reif – yes
Mr. Poitras – yes
Ms. Shapiro – yes
Dr. Berthiaume – yes
 - * Regular Session – Dr. Reif called regular session of the meeting back to order at 7:12 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - January 19, 2011 Regular Session Minutes – Dr. Reif approved.
 - January 19, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Dr. Reif approved.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures. There were no line item transfers.
 - * Superintendent's Report – None.
 - * Student Report – Ms. Markham reported the following:
 - The Girls and Boys basketball teams won their last game at Oakmont.
 - The ski team is doing very well.
 - The Girls track team is co-league champ.
 - Math competition this week.
 - Two national merit finalists have been named at the high school.
 - The Quebec City trip is coming up soon.
 - Class plays and the freshmen speech competition will be held next Thursday.

* Public Comment – None.

* New Business

- a. Action – Acceptance of Donation – Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of the donation with thanks to the Berthiaume Family for their generosity of Alex’s Grant. The value of the donation is over \$1,000; materials are provided directly to the teachers. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to approve the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: 3-0. Dr. Berthiaume recused himself.

* Old Business

- a. Action – Final Approval for school trip to Athens and Rome – Trip in April. Superintendent Calmes reported that there will be 26 individuals, 17 students and 9 adults, traveling to Athens and Rome. Fundraising for the trip continues. Departure will be Thursday evening, April 14. Superintendent Calmes recommended final approval. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Discussion – FY11 and FY12 Calendars
 - Superintendent Calmes began a discussion around the FY11 school calendar. Her recommendation is to look at February break and take Wednesday and Thursday of that week to be in session - the 23rd and 24th. Also, the May 3 PD day would be moved to the next to the last day of school, so the last two days of school will be early release. There was discussion around using Friday, February 25, as a contingency plan if we have a snow day on the 23rd or 24th. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Poitras seconded a motion to modify the calendar to make Wednesday and Thursday of February vacation week school days and have Friday as a contingency day if Wednesday or Thursday is a snow day; also, the PD day scheduled for May 3 would move to the next to the last day of school. Vote: unanimous.
 - FY12 calendar – There was discussion around changing the February vacation to a four-day long weekend and then adding a long weekend in March. Graduation date will be June 9.
 - Also, the Committee agreed to cancel its February 16 meeting.
- c. Discussion – Update Superintendent’s Goals – Superintendent Calmes updated her FY11 goals for the school committee. She also talked about the Cafeteria program at the high school and indicated she would be looking for some consultants to offer insight. Mr. Barney will ask his school council and student advisory council to form a taskforce to see what kind of food service program they would like to see. Superintendent Calmes’ evaluation will be in April. Dr. Reif will send out the evaluation form to the school committee members.

* Public Comment – Mr. Minch, reporter for the Sentinel and Enterprise, asked for clarification on the upcoming February vacation. Superintendent Calmes responded that the school will be in session on February 23 and 24, with the 25th being held as a possible day if a snow day falls on the 23rd or 24th.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils – Mr. Poitras reported on the recent LHS school council meeting. Under consideration is the replacement of homerooms with advisory groups – having one advisor follow students from their freshman through senior year. Mr. Poitras also reported that second semester grades are out and ten percent of the students have failing English grades.
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee – Possible meeting next week.
- j. Rep. Benson’s Advisory
- l. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session - None.

* Adjournment – Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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